

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA

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MCAS YUMA TO CELEBRATE MARINE CORPS' 241ST BIRTHDAY

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz., — A ceremony to commemorate the U.S. Marine Corps' 241st birthday will be held at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Thursday, November 10, 2016, on the parade field.

The ceremony will feature a cake-cutting ceremony and a historical uniform pageant.

The cake-cutting ceremony is a traditional part of Marine Corps birthday celebrations world-wide, with the first and second pieces of birthday cake presented to the oldest and youngest Marines to signify the passing of traditions from one generation to the next.

The uniform pageant will highlight the various uniforms worn by Marines throughout history, commemorating the lineage of men and women who have carried the Corps' illustrious legacy for more than two centuries.

The Marine Corps was established November 10, 1775, when the 2nd Continental Congress passed a resolution that "two battalions of Marines be raised." Please click the following link to view the Commandant of the Marine Corps' 2016 birthday message:

https://www.facebook.com/marines/videos/10153750914180194/

The event is open to all active, reserve and retired service members, DoD civilian employees, DoD contractors, their families and special guests.

Media interested in attending should contact MCAS Yuma Public Affairs at <u>Yuma_PAO@usmc.mil</u> or 928-269-2275 no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday.

Media who RSVP are advised to meet at the main gate parking lot no later than 9:30 a.m., Thursday, to be escorted on base by a public affairs representative.